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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POTO CAR VISIT

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1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER MATTER (REPORTED SEPARATELY), ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE ON DECEMBER 10 ASKED YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI ABOUT GOY DELAY IN RESPONDING TO THE INVITATION TO GENERAL POTO CAR REPORTED IN REFERENCE. ARMITAGE SAID WE ARE PUZZLED TO GET INFORMAL WORD THAT THERE WILL BE NO DECISION BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER AND THAT THIS WILL PRECLUDE THE PROPOSED JANUARY DATE. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS KIND OF VISIT, SO WE WOULD APPRECIATE A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. BELOVSKI RESPONDED THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT HE IS INFORMED THROUGH HIS MILITARY ATTACHE THAT FORMULATION OF POTO CAR'S PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR IS NEARING COMPLETION. BELOVSKI SAID THAT ONLY THREE DAYS AGO HE HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED A SPEEDY AND FAVORABLE DECISION ON OUR INVITATION. BELOVSKI EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO SUCH A VISIT AND PROMISED TO LET US KNOW
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AS SOON AS HE LEARNS ANYTHING. ROBINSON

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